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SUBJECT: DAOUD-BHUTTO TALKS, ROUND TWO

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1. AFGHAN PRESIDDENT MOHAMMAD DAOUD ENDED HIS FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO PAKISTAN AUGUST 24 COMPLETING THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS BETWEEN THE AFGHAN AND PAKISTANI LEADERS. A SHORT JOINT COMMUNIQUE DID NOT HERALD ANY MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS BUT REAFFIRMED THE INTENTION ENUNCIATED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE JUNE TALKS IN KABUL TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS "IN THE SPIRIT OF KABUL" TO ACHIEVE A "FINAL SETTLEMENT." DAOUD PUBLICLY DESCRIBED THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS AS "USEFUL." BHUTTO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANNOUNCED THAT THE TALKS "PROCEEDED ALL RIGHT IN THE

SPIRIT OF KABUL."

2. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ALSO MENTIONED THAT DAOUD HAD INVITED BHUTTO TO KABUL "IN THE NEAR FUTURE" ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT AND PAKISTAN'S PRESIDENT FAZAL ELAHI CHAUDHRY FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT, AND THAT BOTH ACCEPTED THE INVITATIONS "WITH PLEASURE." THE MOST STRIKKING PHRASE IN THE COMMUNIQUE WAS ITS MENTION OF THE "POLITICAL DIFFERENCE (SIC) AND OTHER DIFFERENCES" THAT KEEP THE TWO COUNTRIES FROM ACHIEVING AN "HONORABLE SOLUTION" TO THE ISSUES THAT SEPARATE THEM.

4. THE TALKS TOOK PLACE IN A CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE AND IN THIS VEIN THE TWO LEADERS HAVE AGREED TO KEEP TALKING. THE MENTION OF A "POLITICAL DIFFERENCE" IN THE COMMUNIQUE WAS A NOTABLE CONCESSION TO THE GOA CONSIDERING PAST GOP REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THIS FORMULATION. BHUTTO INDICATED, IN IMPROMPTU MEETING WITH PRESS AFTER DAOUD'S DEPARTURE, HIS VISIT "SOON" TO AFGHANISTAN FOR ROUND THREE WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE AFTER RAMAZAN AND THE OPENING OF THE UNGA.

5. EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF DAOUD VISIT WILL BE SENT SEPTEL.
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